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1. Preliminary Statements

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications and other information of which he is aware which he believes may possibly be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR \S 1.56.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR $\S 1.197(g)$), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, (37 CFR $\S 1.97(h)$ or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

2. Time of Filing

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed with a (RCE) Request for Continued Prosecution Application for this matter. Consequently, it is considered filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the present application.

3. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO 1449)

See attached PTO Form SB/08A Citation in Application.

4. Identification of Prior Application In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need to be Submitted.

This application relies, under 35 USC § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application, filed on
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Therefore, references which were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) are not required to be provided in

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5.	Cumulative Patents or Publications								
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7. Concise Explanation of Listed Information Items

A concise explanation of the items listed on PTO-1449 (Modified) is given for each listed item.

Patent No.	Inventor	Explanation
3,715,287	Johnson	See FIG. 2 re: use of WAC
4,434,057	Marquardt	See FIG. 8 re: desal of water using IX + Membrane Sep.
5,352,345	Byszewski, et al	See FIG. 5 and Background re: IX unit operation
5,814,224	Khamizov, et al	See FIGS. 2, 5, and col. 5, lines 40-55.

7A. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - EPO Search Report

The relevance with respect to the following citations listed on Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449):

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8. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents

There are no non-English Language documents enclosed.

9. Identification of Person(s) Making This INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of the information in the practitioner's file, all of which have been reviewed by the practitioner.

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